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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Conversation with Mr. L. E. Brett, Jr.,
Resident Engineer, Virginia Department
of Highways, Concerning Chain Bridge

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. Mr. Brett contacted the Chief, Real Estate and Construction Division, OL, on 17 July 1968 concerning our most recent proposal to relieve the Chain Bridge traffic congestion during rush hours. This proposal was to prohibit traffic proceeding over Chain Bridge from the District using Glebe Road, Route 120.

3. Mr. Brett referred our proposal to Mr. Robertson, District Traffic Engineer, Culpeper, Virginia. Both of the aforementioned individuals are supervised by Mr. Hope, District Engineer, Culpeper, Virginia. Mr. Brett read from a memorandum he had received from Mr. Robertson. Its content was generally as follows:

Based on a traffic survey, approximately 22 percent of the personnel coming from the District and Maryland desire to continue forward onto Route 120. There is no reasonable alternate routing for these individuals. The use of Kirby Road, Chesterbrooke Road, and Old Dominion Drive is considered treacherous. The delays encountered by personnel making a right hand turn onto Route 123 were not considered unreasonable. Therefore, there are no plans to change the traffic arrangements currently in use at this intersection.

4. Our main effort to sell this solution was based on the relief such action would bring to Route 123 traffic proceeding to the District which in volume is approximately eight to ten times that of the flow from the District. The traffic backs up all the way from Chain Bridge to the Headquarters Building

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during rush hours. The solution incidentally solved our problem by permitting a continuous right hand turn onto Route 123. We still feel that Mr. Fugate would appreciate the political benefits involved in improving the inbound traffic.

5. We are not prepared to recommend any additional substitutions to the problem at this time. Should you consider it advisable for us to contact Mr. Fugate, Virginia Commissioner of Highways, on this matter, we will be happy to do so.



George E. Meloon
Director of Logistics

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